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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection, Classified by Weight, weekending: Feb 15, 2003

Trade sentiment was steady.				
Demand was fair to fairly good.				
Offerings were generally				
sufficient for trade needs. In				
the parts complex, offerings of				
bone-in breasts and wings were				
available. Boneless skinless				
breast continued to clear well.				
Other items were adequate to at				
least adequate. Weights were				
mostly desirable.				

	FOOD SERVICE/ FAST FOOD	RETAIL	DEBONING	TOTAL
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	
Total (000)	29,212	19,535	46,376	95,123
Percentage	31%	21%	49%	101%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

		No. of Head	Percentage of
Live Weight	RTC WOG Weight	(000)	Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	2,380	2.50
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz 2 lbs., 10 oz.	8,464	8.90
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz. − 2 lbs., 12 oz.	10,113	10.63
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz 2 lbs., 14 oz.	8,255	8.68
		29.212	30.71

BROILER EGGS SET/CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

					Eggs Set		Chicks Pla	aced	Prelim. Fed. I	Insp.
Slaughter	Egg		Chicks		10 Weeks		7 Weeks		Million hea	.d
Week	Sets		Placed		Previous		Previous		Slaughtered	d
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Dec 28	201,110	97	162,774	98	185,344	98	151,691	99	107,976	71
Jan 04	204,389	99	164,621	97	181,218	97	147,528	98	126,973	117
Jan 11	202,919	99	162,087	96	189,806	97	155,053	98	152,541	120
Jan 18	203,508	99	163,724	97	197,944	97	161,875	98	153,150	100
Jan 25	204,772	99	166,044	99	199,084	97	162,000	97	144,124	94
Feb 01	203,980	98	166,256	101	200,210	98	162,898	98	151,181	105
Feb 08	201,937	97	165,277	100	202,586	96	164,701	98	150,335	99
Feb 15	202,463	96	166,036	99	200,118	98	162,324	98	152,044	101
Feb 22	203,562	96	164,979	97	203,451	98	164,413	97	147,355	97
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Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	
Week of 03/03/03				
New York Grade A Ice-packed	55.73	56.57	47.45	
Chicago Grade A Ice-packed	55.49	55.32	47.70	
Los Angeles Grade A Ice-packed	67.42	66.50	65.85	
12-City Composite Weighted Avg.	60.83	60.38	55.39	
Georgia Dock FOB Final Weighted Avg.	62.14	62.05	60.97	
Southern States FOB Whole Body 5 day Avg. Index	47.59	46.29	42.06	

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.) Weekly Weighted Average	Northeast (Delivered) 02/28/03	Southern States (FOB) 02/28/03	Georgia (FOB) <u>03/03/03</u>
Breast - B/S	137.50	134.39	152.50
Tenderloins	116.45	135.51	168.00 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	79.65	86.58	85.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	20.93	18.74	21.50
Wings	71.73	70.42	71.00